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3. THE FANK AUSTRALIAN TRUCK FLEET HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN A LOW DEADLINE RATE, HOWEVER, AN INCREASE HAS BEEN OBSERVED SINCE THE JANUARY RATE OF 12 PERCENT TO THE PRESENT 18 PERCENT. EVEN THOUGH MAJOR BODY REPAIR PARTS ARE REQUIRED, THE MOST PRESSING NEED IS FOR COMPONENTS SUCH AS REGULATIONS, AXLES, TRANSMISSIONS, AND ENGINE REPAIR KITS. EFFORTS MADE BE MEDTC TO EXPEDITE RECEIPT OF REPAIR PARTS ARE AT INCLOSURE 3.

4. THE AUSTRALIAN TRUCK FLEET IS AN INVALUABLE ASSET FOR FANK. PARTS PROBLEMS SHOULD BE ALLEVIATED WITH THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF REPAIR PARTS IN THE MAY- JUNE TIME PERIOD. EFFORTS CONTINUE TO ESTABLISH A FLEXIBLE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING PARTS THROUGH FY78. DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WERE MADE CONCERNING MEANS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT AFTER THAT PROVIDED BY THE INITIAL AGREEMENT TERMINATED WITHOUT USING MAP FUNDS. A CHRONOLOGY OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS TO OBTAIN REPAIR PARTS SUPPORT FOLLOWS:

24 JULY 1972- DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SIGNED MEMO INDICATING THAT U. S. MUST PROVIDE FOLLOW ON SPARES FOR AUSTRALIAN TRUCKS.

8 AUGUST 1972- MR. SHILLITO BRIEFED BY CHMEDTC ON THE SITUATION CONCERNING SUPPORT OF TRUCKS.

20 SEPTEMBER 1972- SECDEF AUTHORIZED USE OF MAP FUNDS AND OSP FOR PURCHASE OF NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR THOSE VEHICLES UTILIZED BY FAN

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5 OCTOBER 1972- CINCPAC ANNOUNCED THAT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$219,660 WERE AUTHORIZED FOR FY73 SUPPORT OF AUSTRALIAN TRUCKS.

25 OCTOBER 1972- SECDEF RELEASED OSP CERTIFICATE FOR THE PURCHASE.

27 OCTOBER 1972- USARPAC DESIGNATED U. S. DOD PIO AUSTRALIA TO
PROCURE PARTS THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY, GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO PERMIT ADVANCED PAYMENT OF FUNDS. PER-
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